

SENATE BILL 3017

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17 and Title 67, relative to drug offenses
committed by persons issued a tobacco license.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4, is amended by
adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

39-17-4__.

(a) When any person holding a license issued pursuant to § 67-4-1015 is
convicted of or pleads guilty to or enters a plea of nolo contendere to any
violation of this part, all such licenses shall be revoked by the commissioner of
revenue, pending appeal, as of the date of the entry of the judgment or plea
agreement, and no such license shall be reissued to such person for a period of
at least sixty (60) days following the final action of the court. Enforcement of this
section shall be the duty of the commissioner or the commissioner's designee.

(b) Upon conviction for or entry of a plea of guilty or of nolo contendere to
any violation of this part by a person holding a license issued pursuant to § 67-4-
1015, it is the duty of the clerk of the court where such conviction or plea is
entered to notify the commissioner of revenue concerning the action of the court.
The clerk may charge a fee as provided in § 8-21-401 for such notification. The
commissioner shall automatically suspend or revoke the license in accordance
with the notification received from the court for the period established pursuant to
subsection (a).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-1016, is amended by adding
the following as a new subsection thereto:

(d) Notwithstanding subsections (a)-(c), upon receiving notice pursuant to Section 1 of this act that a person holding a license issued pursuant to this part has been convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to a violation of title 39, chapter 17, part 4, the commissioner shall revoke the license for a period of not less than sixty (60) days.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.